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GOLD/SILVER SEIZED BY RPF IN RAJDHANI EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gold and Silver worth crores of rupees has been seized by RPF in Delhi- Mumbai Rajdhani Express recently as published in 'The Hindu' dated August 3, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons arrested and action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Railway Protection Force staff of New Delhi Railway Station had seized 5 packages containing gold/silver, ornaments/utensils/biscuits weighing 605 Kgs. and currency notes of Rs.1000/- denomination, all valued Rs.1,00,00,000/- from the brake Van of Train No.2952 Rajdhani Express on 1.8.2004. As per forwarding note, these 5 packages were booked as general goods.

In addition, on 2-8-2004, from the same train, 2 packages were found declared at Mumbai Central. These 2 packages contained approximately 250 Kgs. of silver goods declared as 'general goods', valued approximately 12,10,000/-.

(c): 3 loading workers of the lease-holder were arrested by RPF/New Delhi and a case Crime No.60/04 under Section 163 Railways Act,1989 was registered at Railway Protection Force Post/New Delhi. Lease holder managed to escape from the spot. A warrant of arrest against the lease-holder has been obtained from the Court. On 5-8-04, matter was also referred to the Income Tax Department for taking further action. Two representatives of the consignee were arrested at the Mumbai Central under Section 163 of Railways Act, 1989 and a case Crime No.837/2004 has been registered.